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Government and records are almost synonymous. Information has always been the business of government.

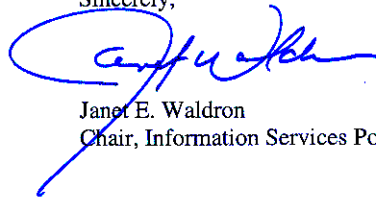
Maine State Government adopted, early and aggressively, telecommunications and information technologies as a means of managing information and providing services. The Information Services Policy Board, with the aid of agency technology officers, set the standards for interoperability. Standard agency Local Area Networks and the enterprise Wide Area Network provide universal and seamless connectivity. Database standards facilitate compliance with federal and Maine legislative mandates for information sharing. A common set of e-mail and desktop productivity tools enhance communication among all branches and agencies of government.

Specialized applications manage both enterprise and agency programs. These improve the efficiency of government. They facilitate citizen access to public information. Most importantly, they enhance the State's ability to protect the security of sensitive and confidential information.

Much has been accomplished and much is still to be gained from the application of Telecommunications and Information Technologies in the service of Maine State Government and Maine citizens. This document reflects the many efforts which are occurring across State Government. These efforts are exciting and dynamic and position Maine as a leader in many areas.

Your comments and suggestions are encouraged for future publications.

Sincerely,



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